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SUBJECT: TIN -- MEETING OF ITC WORKING PARTY ON CONSUMPTION

1. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL TIN COUNCIL (ITC) WORKING PARTY ON CONSUMPTION AGREED THAT THE NEW TIN INDUSTRY OFFICER, NOW IN THE PROCESS OF SELECTION BY THE ITC, WILL BE TASKED WITH THE STUDY ON THE CONSUMPTION OUTLOOK FOR TIN IN THE TINOLATE AND SOLDER INDUSTRIES, ORIGINALLY CALLED FOR BY THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT (COD). A CONSENSUS QUICKLY DEVELOPED ON THE USE OF THE NEW OFFICER FOR THE TASK, BOTH FOR THE LOW FINANCIAL COST OF THIS METHOD AND THE EXPERTISE THE ITC CAN BUILD UP IN THIS AREA BY NOT RESORTING TO OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS FOR THE ENTIRE STUDY. A BUDGET OF 11,250 POUNDS STERLING WAS APPROPRIATED, WITH A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET OF 8,750 POUNDS FOR HIRING OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE (E.G. COMPUTER TIME OR SPECIFIC EXPERTISE) TO BE USED ONLY IF NEEDED. THIS COMPARES WITH AN ESTIMATED COST OF OVER 52,000 POUNDS IF AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT HAD BEEN HIRED TO DO THE WORK.

2. THE STUDY IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 11 MONTHS, BEGIN-

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NING AROUND JULY 1978. THE WORKING PARTY AGREED, HOWEVER THAT THE TIN INDUSTRY OFFICER WOULD NOT NECESSARILY DEVOTE HIS TIME EXCLUSIVELY TO THIS PROJECT, AND IN ANY CASE WOULD KEEP THE MEMBERSHIP FULLY INFORMED ON PROGRESS AND ANY SNAGS WHICH MIGHT DEVELOP. IT WILL INVOLVE 18 WEEKS OF TRAVEL IN CONSUMING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING 4 WEEKS IN THE U.S. A U.S. CONTRIBUTION IN TERMS OF STATISTICS

AND THE FUTURE OUTLOOK WILL BE REQUESTED AS THE STUDY PROGRESSES, IN ADDITION TO HELPING WITH APPOINTMENTS AND THE LIKE. THE WORKING PARTY IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN EXISTENT AS AN OVER-SIGHT BODY DURING THE PROJECT.

3. DETAILS OF TERMS OF REFERENCE INCLUDED IN CVD/CONSUMPTION NO. 1 SENT DEPARTMENT BY AIRGRAM.

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